About the Program

GW's Department of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences (SLHS) is excited to offer a new PhD program focused on translational research in human communication sciences and disorders. The program will begin accepting applications in late fall 2019 for enrollment in the fall 2020 semester.

Designed to educate future members of the SLHS professoriate, industry researchers and clinical practitioners, this program prepares you to apply basic and clinical science findings to real-world SLHS problems.

After graduation, you will have the knowledge and skills to produce original research, be an effective teacher, and communicate your expertise to a variety of audiences.

Programs of Study

Depending on your interests, academic background and career goals, you can complete this PhD program in three to five years:

- Enroll with a relevant Master’s degree → 3 years minimum in the PhD program
- Enroll with a Bachelor’s degree in an unrelated field → 4 years minimum in the PhD program
- Enroll with a Bachelor’s degree in a related field and get an MA in SLP along the way → 5 years minimum in the PhD program

The program curriculum includes coursework/credits in research tools and experience (e.g., Research Rotation, Statistical Applications for Translational Research), a chosen area of specialization (e.g., Autism, Neurogenic Disorders) and teaching experience in the discipline.

Research Areas

Neurological Disorders and Neuroscience

- Investigate the brain basis of language and communication
- Use a variety of tools including fMRI and EEG
- Work with patients with neurological damage and disorders

Development, Cognition and Learning

- Study the development of language and cognition
- Use behavioral and other tools appropriate for different ages
- Work with children and adults across the lifespan

Applied Communication Sciences and Disorders

- Study ways to improve communication and other life outcomes
- Use clinical science methods to evaluate and use interventions
- Work with neurotypical and neurodiverse populations

Perception and Hearing Science

- Investigate how hearing loss affects speech perception
- Use psychoacoustic and neural methods
- Work with hearing-impaired children and aging populations

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